

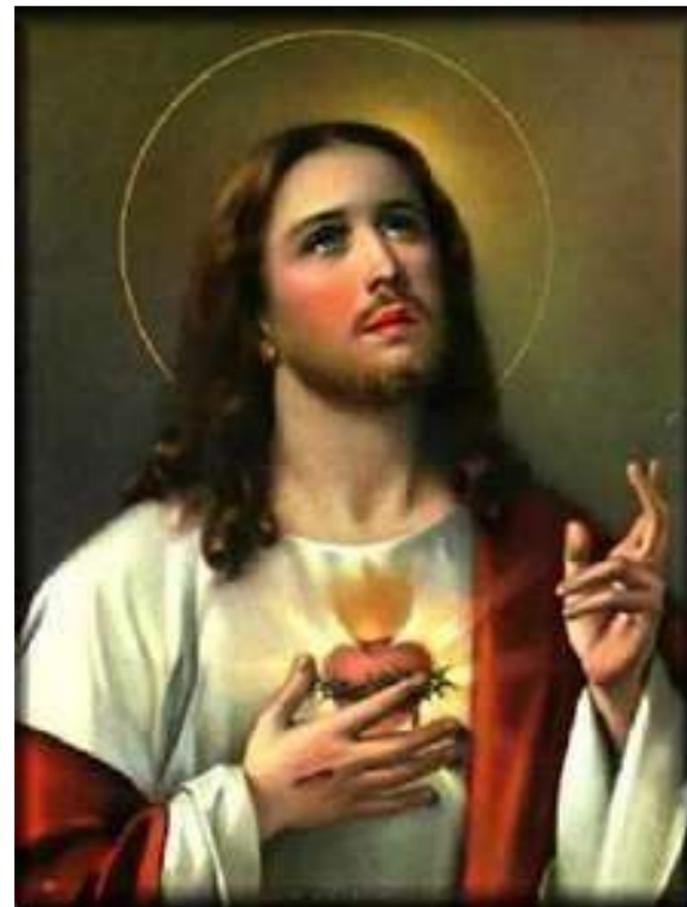
SACRED HEART OF JESUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2017



Gospel Quotation:

**"You are the light
of the world."**

Mass Times

Saturday 6:00 pm St. Peter's Mission
Sunday 9:00 am Sacred Heart Church
11:00 am Sacred Heart School

DAILY: Monday No Mass
Tuesday 7:00 pm
Wed. & Thurs. No Mass
Friday 8:00 am

Confessions

Tuesday, 6:30pm to 6:45pm
Saturday 5:30pm to 5:45pm (St. Peter's)
Sunday 8:30am to 8:45am
and by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday 7:30 pm to Friday 8:00 am

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

(FEBRUARY 7TH TO FEBRUARY 12TH)

Tuesday 7:00 pm † Deceased members of CWL: CWL
Thursday 9:15 am (at Sacred Heart School)
Friday 8:00 am Intention of Donor

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 9:00 am † Luigi Muia: Muia Family
11:00 am for the People

PASTORAL STAFF

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Pastor's Message

THE ART OF PASTORAL DISCERNMENT

In my homily last Sunday I suggested that Pope Francis is concerned that pastors may be approaching canon law more like Pharisees who use it to judge their parishioners rather than shepherds who use it to guide their flock. In his recent Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, quoting an earlier Church document entitled *Declaration Concerning the Admission to Holy Communion of Faithful Who are Divorced and Remarried*, he points out that: "Under certain circumstances people find it very difficult to act differently. Therefore, while upholding a general rule, it is necessary to recognize that responsibility with respect to certain actions or decisions is not the same in all cases. Pastoral discernment, while taking into account a person's properly formed conscience, must take responsibility for these situations. Even the consequences of actions taken are not necessarily the same in all cases." (302.) In other words, the law, even the law of the Catholic Church, cannot take into account all the possibilities and complexities of a person's life journey, especially when someone may have drifted away from the practice of the faith, made certain decisions while away from the Church, and now he or she wants to return to the practice of the faith. Pope Francis wants pastors to be aware that: "Because of forms of conditioning and mitigating factors, it is possible that in an objective situation of sin – which may not be subjectively culpable, or fully such – a person can be living in God's grace, can love and can also grow in the life of grace and charity, while receiving the Church's help to this end." [305.]

Pope Francis has not changed the Church's teaching about the permanence of the sacrament of marriage, nor has he changed the laws that govern marriage in the Church. As if anticipating such misunderstandings, he writes: "In order to avoid all misunderstanding, I would point out that in no way must the Church desist from proposing the full ideal of marriage, God's plan in all its grandeur: 'Young people who are baptized should be encouraged to understand that the sacrament of marriage can enrich their prospects of love and that they can be sustained by the grace of Christ in the sacrament and by the possibility of participating fully in the life of the Church'. (*Relatio Synodi* 2014, 26.) A lukewarm attitude, any kind of relativism, or an undue reticence in proposing that ideal, would be a lack of fidelity to the Gospel and also of love on the part of the Church for young people themselves. To show understanding in the face of exceptional situations never implies dimming the light of the fuller ideal, or proposing less than what Jesus offers to the human being. Today, more important than the pastoral care of failures is the pastoral effort to strengthen marriages and thus to prevent their breakdown." [307.]

Just before Christmas, the Congregation for the Clergy published a document entitled *The Gift of the Priestly Vocation*. It seems to advocate a middle way between the two extremes of either applying the objective law without regard for subjective circumstances or accepting subjective circumstances without regard for the objective law. Among its guidelines for training seminarians is the following: "The call to be pastors of the People of God requires formation that makes future priests experts in the art of pastoral discernment, that is to say, able to listen deeply to real situations and capable of good judgement in making choices and decisions." Quoting Pope Francis, the document states that a pastor shouldn't be a "spiritual accountant." Rather, a pastor should be a "good Samaritan." [120.]

If you are a divorced and remarried Catholic, please be assured that I welcome listening deeply to your story. If you know a divorced and remarried Catholic in the parish, encourage him or her to make an appointment with me. In accordance with canon law, my starting point will be accompanying that person through the process of seeking an annulment. In fact, every marriage case I have ever worked on has resulted in a declaration of nullity that has freed the person to be married in the Church and receive Holy Communion. Nevertheless, be assured that, if this path of pastoral care is impassable due to circumstances, I will strive to be a good Samaritan as I do my best to become an expert in the art of pastoral discernment.

Fr. Mark Morley

PARISH UPDATES

REMINDER, the church is open for Eucharistic Adoration from Tuesday after 7:00 pm Mass to Friday 8:00am Mass. If you haven't tried , plan to come in anytime and receive the benefit of grace at spending quality time with our Lord. There are also a few hours available for anyone ready to commit to a regular time:

Tuesday 7:30-9:00, and Tuesday 11:00-12:00 pm.

For further information call *Jane Hosdil* at 519-856-2398

BOTTLE DRIVE: The Knights of Columbus bottle drive, in support of the Special Olympics, Is ready to receive any kind of liquor, wine and beer bottles and cans that you have saved up over the Christmas and New Years holidays. Please bring them to Coulson hall and leave them inside near the back door. Thank you, your participation is greatly appreciated.

Dave Bell, Grand Knight

FROM THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

RETRouvaille - Married Singles Lifestyle –The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 24, 2017please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

PARENTING TIP 75: The gift of self promised during our wedding vows is essential to put into action during moments of struggle. When a spouse's actions cause anger, sadness or disappointment, we must try to look past the action or words and see the person you love. Instead of responding negatively in the moment, try to understand what has caused this situation and propose a resolution that will work for both of you and for your relationship. In our most vulnerable moments we have a chance to show our greatest love by responding as we should, as opposed to how we feel. (Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

HAMILTON CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (19-39): THE CRUSADES II: Sunday, February 12th at St. Ann's Parish (11 Wilson Street, Ancaster) in the Church and Hall. For Catholic Young Adults (19-39) to pray, meet, hang out and study the Faith together. Join us as we continue to explore the truths & myths concerning "The Crusades." This time will be taking a look at the rise of the Military Orders (including the storied Knights Templars) and the Reconquista of Spain. 5:30 pm - Holy Hour 6:00 pm - Group Rosary 6:30 pm - Dinner & Social (please notify of any dietary requirements) 7:00 pm - Topic For more information see 'Hamilton Catholic Young Adults on Facebook' or e-mail jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com.

This Week's Events
February
6 Rosary for Peace - Sacred Heart 7:00pm
7 Tuesday MASS (7:00pm)
8 Euchre Matinee: (1:00 pm Coulson Hall)
9 Mass at Sacred Heart School - 9:15am
10 Seniors' Program at Rockwood Library (11:30am to 1:30pm)
Next Catechism Class Date
March 9 at Coulson Hall - 6:45pm

Did You Know?

- * February 7th is the Feast Day of Blessed Pope Pius IX
- * He was born May 3, 1792 and passed away February 7th, 1878
- * He was born in Italy and travelled to Chile and Peru to do missionary work
- * The first Vatican Council took place while he was pope
- * He declared that Mary was without sin and that the pope was infallible
- * He was pope for 32 years

MASS AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL
Mass is being celebrated at Sacred Heart School on February 9 at 9:15am.
All are welcome.
Fr. Mark Morley

Prayer Calendar for Priests
Every day, in our diocese we are invited to pray for a priest serving in our parishes

Mon.	- Rev. Raymond Peter
Tues.	- Rev. Gary Palangio, C.R.
Wed.	- Discalced Carmelite Father (o.c.d.)
Thurs.	- Rev. George Nowak, C.R.
Fri.	- Rev. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R.
Sat.	- Rev. Lech Wycichowski, C.R.